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Condition of Campus Housing Is Questioned

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The condition of Elon dormitories is a subject that draws gripes from students and serious concern from the town's fire chief.

Students—as at every college—complain about the usual things, including the tired

condition of some furniture. The concerns of Fire Chief W. E. "Eddie" King relate to conditions in the dorms themselves and the potential difficulty of getting his trucks close enough to fight fires.

College officials reacted to King's comments sharply, insisting that his concerns are exaggerated. In a follow-up interview, however, King stuck to his criticism.

"The college is part of the community," he said, "and we're here to protect the community."

To try to judge conditions in Elon dorms, the Pendulum distributed 25 questionnaires. Nine were returned. This story is based on those responses and interviews with officials on and off campus.

First, safety. In the early 1970s a fire severely damaged the third

floor of Carolina Residence Hall. Chief King claims, in strong language, that the college administration continues to be "more concerned with landscaping than with fire safety."

In rebuttal, Elon's director of safety and security, Terry Creech, said, "I feel safe with the fire equipment and alarms we have. To my knowledge, Mr. King has never been on campus to inspect

any residence hall."

Expense Cited

King told The Pendulum he has talked to college administrators about fire safety, but has been informed it would be too expensive to provide the equipment he suggests. King added, "Students should raise a little Cain about the problem."

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Students Scramble For Quiet Places To Study

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Picture this, tomorrow is the day of your political science exam, and you really need to do well on it, but you have not even begun to study. What you need is a quiet corner where you can get all of your studying done. No problem, right?

Apparently not. Finding a quiet place to study has become a dilemma for Elon students.

"I really don't know where to go anymore," replied freshmen Lisa Mandras, an East Area resident. "There just isn't anywhere on campus that's really quiet."

Resident students face the constant dilemma of attempting to study in overcrowded rooms, noisy hallways, and lounges. Students complain that although the halls are not excessively noisy during the day, at night there is, "always something going on right outside your door," replied transfer student Joy Smith, who lives in North Area. Residents living in Maynard, Chandler, and

Cocough complain that studying was much easier last year when they had living areas in their suites. "I did a lot of studying in my suite last year," said Junior Aline Presley, "but this year the only place to go is in my room, and that is not usually very quiet."

This year, due to lack of student housing, living quarters in the New Area were renovated to include an added bedroom. "With the added people, the suites are virtually impossible to study in this year," said Junior Mark Novey.

Many students feel the best place to study and work on homework is the campus library. "There is so much noise in the hall, I do almost all my studying in the library," said West Area resident Aaron Elrod.

Yet, although libraries are usually associated with peace and quiet, students often complain that the library is often used as a gathering place to catch up with friends. "I think the library has become more of a place to

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Here She Is: The 1987 Homecoming Queen, Laura Beckett (Sigma Sigma Sigma) representing Sigma Phi Epsilon was crowned last Saturday afternoon ending the week-long homecoming activities.

Photo by Denese DeJorf

SGA Proposals To Be Started

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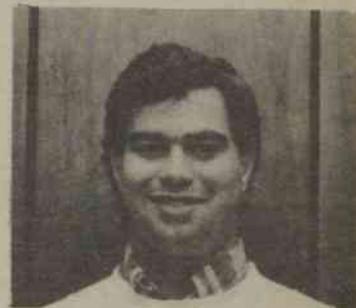
Heydt Philbeck, elected SGA president last year after making three promises, said in an interview he is working on those even as he is making more.

Last year, Philbeck's campaign claimed he would try to get the school a shuttle bus, upgrad enter-

tainment on campus, and attend faculty meetings.

Philbeck said these proposals have not been worked on yet because of the tough schedule the Student Government Association had to organize the Senate and plan for Homecoming. SGA vice president, Brad Bauhof, agreed, saying work on the proposals will

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